

February 14, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S718.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IMPACT OF FEDERAL BUDGET DECISIONS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Federal budget decisions on families and communities, after receiving testimony from Gary D. Alexander, Pennsylvania Secretary of Public Welfare, Harrisburg; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Robert L. Woodson, Sr., Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, both of Washington, D.C.; Tara Marks, Ada, Ohio; and Patrick D. Murray, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

Also, the committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security:* Senators Cantwell (Chair), Boxer, Nelson, Lautenberg, Pryor, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Schatz, Cowan, Ayotte, Wicker, Blunt, Rubio, Heller, Scott, Cruz, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet:* Senators Pryor (Chair), Boxer, Nelson, Cantwell, Lautenberg, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Blumenthal, Schatz, Cowan, Wicker, Blunt, Rubio, Ayotte, Heller, Coats, Scott, Cruz, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion:* Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Pryor, Warner, Begich, Blumenthal, Cowan, Scott, Blunt, Coats, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance:* Senators McCaskill (Chair), Boxer, Pryor, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Schatz, Cowan, Heller, Blunt, Ayotte, Coats, Cruz, and Fischer.

*Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard:* Senators Begich (Chair), Nelson, Cantwell, Lautenberg, Blumenthal, Schatz, Cowan, Rubio, Wicker, Ayotte, Coats, Scott, and Cruz.

*Subcommittee on Science and Space:* Senators Nelson (Chair), Boxer, Pryor, Klobuchar, Warner, Blumenthal, Cowan, Cruz, Wicker, Rubio, Heller, Coats, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security:* Senators

Lautenberg (Chair), Boxer, Cantwell, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Blumenthal, Schatz, Cowan, Blunt, Wicker, Rubio, Ayotte, Heller, Coats, Scott, Cruz, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

Senators Rockefeller and Thune are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer and former Senator Pete Domenici, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorable reported S. Res. 12, recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti, with an amendment.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues:* Senators Boxer (Chair), Casey, Shaheen, Durbin, Kaine, Paul, Rubio, Risch, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs:* Senators Cardin (Chair), Boxer, Casey, Udall (NM), Murphy, Rubio, Johnson (WI), Flake, and McCain.

*Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs:* Senators Casey (Chair), Boxer, Cardin, Shaheen, Coons, Risch, Rubio, Johnson (WI), and McCain.

*Subcommittee on African Affairs:* Senators Coons (Chair), Cardin, Shaheen, Durbin, Udall (NM), Flake, McCain, Barrasso, and Paul.

*Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Global Narcotics Affairs:* Senators Udall (NM) (Chair), Boxer, Murphy, Kaine, McCain, Rubio, Barrasso, and Paul.

*Subcommittee on European Affairs:* Senators Murphy (Chair), Casey, Shaheen, Coons, Durbin, Johnson (WI), Risch, Flake, and Barrasso.

*Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps:* Senators Kaine (Chair), Coons, Durbin, Udall (NM), Murphy, Barrasso, Risch, Flake, and Paul.

Senators Menendez and Corker are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine solutions to the crisis facing the United States Postal

Service, after receiving testimony from Representatives Issa and Cummings; Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Cliff Guffey, American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; Jeanette Dwyer, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, and Robert Rapoza, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, both of Alexandria, Virginia; Joel Quadracci, Quad/Graphics, Inc., Sussex, Wisconsin; and R. Richard Geddes, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Ithaca, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee;

H.R. 307, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response;

S. 252, The Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early (PREEMIE) Act;

Also, committee adopted its rules during the 113th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Children and Families:* Senators Hagan (Chair), Mikulski, Murray, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Bennet, Murphy, Warren, Enzi, Kirk, Burr, Isakson, Paul, Hatch, and Roberts.

*Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety:* Senators Casey (Chair), Murray, Franken, Bennet,

Whitehouse, Baldwin, Isakson, Paul, Hatch, and Scott.

*Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging:* Senators Sanders (Chair), Mikulski, Hagan, Whitehouse, Baldwin, Murphy, Warren, Burr, Roberts, Murkowski, Enzi, and Kirk.

*Senators Harkin and Alexander are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

### COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine comprehensive immigration reform, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Jose Antonio Vargas, Define America, New York, New York; and Jessica M. Vaughan, Center for Immigration Studies, Steve Case, Revolution LLC, Chris Crane, American Federation of Government Employees, and Janet Murguia, National Council of La Raza, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senators Tom Udall and Heinrich, Michael J. McShane, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, who was introduced by Senators Wyden and Merkley, and Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, Luis Felipe Restrepo, and Jeffrey L. Schmehl, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who were introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 58 public bills, H.R. 624–681; 1 private bill, H.R. 682; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 27–28; H. Con. Res. 13–14 and H. Res. 64–68 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 66, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 273) to eliminate the 2013 statutory pay ad-

justment for Federal employees, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–9).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Archbishop Emeritus John Quinn, Diocese of San Francisco, San Francisco, California.

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